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OPERATOR: This is Conference #: 42401570

Good morning. My name is (Crystal) and I will be your conference operator today. At this time, I would like to welcome everyone to the Statewide Population Health Conference Call.

All lines have been placed on mute to prevent any background noise. After the speakers' remarks, there will be a question-and-answer session. If you would like to ask a question during this time, simply press star then the number one on your telephone keypad. If you would like to withdraw your question, press the pound key. Thank you.

Ms. Sara Belfry, you may begin your conference.

Sara Belfry: Good morning. This is Sara Belfry with the KDHE Office of Communications. Welcome to the July Statewide Population Health call. Just as a reminder, the next statewide Population Health call will be August 25th at 10:00 a.m. And you are able to go see previous transcripts from calls on our website, [kdheks.gov](http://kdheks.gov).

I will now hand it over to Carman with – actually, Jamie Hemler, with our preparedness program, and she will give you a quick update.

Jamie Hemler: Thanks, Sara. Good morning, everyone. I've got several updates related to purchasing PPE with Ebola fund.

Carman, our program director sat in on a monthly conference call about a week and a half ago with project officers. Our CDC project officer provided us with several restrictions with the PHEP Ebola funds as they pertain to purchasing and caching PPE.

So I'm going to go through the list of the changes that we'll have to make to PHEP Ebola guidance per the Department of Health and Human Services. One, local health departments must purchase tier one and tier two PPE and be properly trained to use them. PHEP Ebola funds are to purchase PPE for public health workers only as stated in the PHEP guidance on page six under Responder Safety and Health.

We have received questions from several health departments about purchasing PPE for EMS. After speaking with our project officer at the CDC, she made it quite clear that these funds are not to be used to purchase PPE for other health care partners, only public health. The project officer and the PHEP guidance both state that HPP Ebola funds will be used to purchase PPE for health care workers and other members of the health care coalition.

The HPP Ebola guidance also states specifically on page nine under strategy two that health care coalitions will provide funding as necessary to EMS agencies for Ebola preparedness activities such as PPE, training, and exercises. We asked our project officer if MOUs or MOAs could be written in order to share PPE when needed. The answer was no.

Both the PHEP and HPP guidance state that public health and health care will work together to develop a strategy to build an adequate cache of PPE. Our project officer stated PHEP purchased PPE must be stored with public health and not the health care coalition. So this could possibly be done with the fiscal agent health department of each public health region. HPP PPE caches will likely be stored with their respective coalition.

We're working on an Ebola PPE flowchart to help clarify all of this information with the PPE purchase limitations and requirements. The KALHD-KDHE Preparedness Team is meeting tomorrow, and that group will look at the chart and finalize it. The flowchart should be able to be sent out on the Friday update this week.

We are also working on a new employee preparedness manual that can be used by any of the health department administrator or emergency preparedness coordinator. It'll be filled with helpful information for anyone

that is new to preparedness. We're trying to get this document finalized and sent out in the Friday update as well, but if it's not done, it should be ready to go within the next week.

The KALHD-KDHE Preparedness Team will also be discussing what to do with any PHEP Ebola funds that go unused or that were declined by health departments. There was some information floating around out there that health departments should give their Ebola money to hospitals. This is not true and it's against the PHEP guidance.

My last update, Nikki Meyer is working on updating our preparedness website so it's more user friendly, includes more resources, and taking out anything that is no longer relevant. So, hopefully, in the next month or two, we'll be able to get some changes out there for our website.

Sara Belfry: Alright, thank you, Jamie. Next we'll go to Jane Shirley for her quick update on population health.

Jane Shirley: Thank you, Sara. I have a couple of announcements to make. The first one is to let everyone know that we are planning a kickoff for the second year of a project that we call KARP, the Kansas Accreditation Readiness Project.

The event will be on September 30th from 9:00 to 4:00 in Salina. The KARP project is one that is led and managed by the KDHE staff along with staff from the Wichita State University Center for Community Support and Research, CCSR. We are just now concluding the first year of that project.

KARP is an opportunity for local health departments to work together in a live, online setting to review the standards and domains, and required documentation for accreditation. In the coming year, our plan is to convene one session per month that will last about an hour and a half, during which the group will review documents and get feedback from each other and from trained site visitors. Participants will be encouraged to take some time each month to walk through each domain and gain a greater understanding of what is expected. Even for health departments that are not planning to apply for accreditation in the near future, it is a great learning in order to learn more about the process and receive support from peers.

Again, that kickoff will be September 30th. We welcome both those who have participated in the past with KARP, anyone who is interested in participating in the year to come, or anyone who would like to learn more about the KARP project. Watch for final details on the kickoff and enrollment to be distributed in Public Health Connections and by e-mail very soon.

I also want to tell you about a request for proposals that will be released soon by the Kansas Health Institute and KALHD. It's entitled Shared Services for Public Health in Kansas. And it should come out, again, through several distribution methods. This will be an opportunity for this project in which up to 4 local projects will receive funding of up to \$10,000 to explore, implement, or improve cross-jurisdictional sharing arrangements, between two or more public health agencies.

Again, be watching for this request for proposals to come out. Any questions should be directed to Sarah Hartsig at the Kansas Health Institute. She can be reached at [shartsig@khi.org](mailto:shartsig@khi.org).

Finally, I want to mention that we continue to proceed with moving the aid to local process into the online system Catalyst. We will be viewing the tool for submission of affidavits which will be opening to our staff on August 1st, and training will be developed. And that tool will be made available for all grantees to begin to submit affidavits very soon following that. Be watching for additional information about the affidavit submission, reporting and any training that will go along with that process.

I think that's all I have, Sara. Thank you.

Sara Belfry: All right. Thank you so much, Jane. And now, we'll go to Mike Parsons with an update on immunization month.

Mike Parsons: Good morning, everyone. This is Mike Parsons. I'm with the Kansas Immunization Program. Just a couple of things this morning, as we get close to August, which is this weekend, is National Immunization Awareness Month for 2015. And we won't be holding a lot of like vaccination clinics,

things like that, but we do want to hear from any of you that are doing anything special on recognition for the month.

So if you're planning on any type of immunization awareness clinic, awareness event, anything in that fashion, please let us know. If you do have some events coming up and you need, like, some signage or some posters or logos or things like that, please contact me at mparsons@kdheks.gov, and we can get that out to you. And then also if you are having any event, if you could send us a short write-up or, and some pictures, we'd like to run that either on our Facebook page, we'd like to get it out in our Twitter account, we'd like to (run it) in our weekly newsletter of What's Happening Wednesday; just kind of letting people know what's going on around the state with any types of events for awareness month.

One thing that we are doing in recognition, we are working with the Shawnee County Health Agency and Topeka Public Library, and we're having vaccines, Calling the Shots. You're going to be watching a movie on vaccines. And then folks could attend that and then to all the panelist folks that will be there. And that'll be on August 24th at 6:30 at the public library. So if any of you are in the Topeka area, we'd need some posters or some things regarding that to help promote it. I can get those to you, that'll be August 24th at 6:30 at the public library.

Another thing we're doing in appreciation for all of our vaccines for children providers is we will be purchasing. We had some extra funding and we're going to be purchasing the new 2013 CDC Pinkbook, the 13th Edition and it's kind of the encyclopedia, bible, do-all follow handbook for immunizations. And it hasn't been out, I think, for almost three years now. So, with all of the new vaccines and things out there, it's coming out, and we will be purchasing one for every provider in getting those mailed out to all of you here within the next couple of weeks. So, we're just waiting for the purchase order number to come through and then it should be about two weeks before we have the books, then we'll get those all shipped out to you.

So, if you are one of our Hepatitis B hospitals or VFC provider or health department, you will be getting one of those Pinkbooks. We have a lot of

questions on those on whether you should purchase your own. You'll only be getting one, so I know some of you larger providers like to have more than one book in your office. But due to the cost, we will just be able to get you one. But we will have some more at our immunization conference coming up in October.

So that's another event I just wanted to touch on was we'll be having our immunization conference this coming October in Wichita. That'll be at the DoubleTree at the airport. And it's Immunizations Merging Towards Success, and it's going to be focused on how a lot of our systems are all kind of combining into one. And we're all working together more on as one team with all of our different systems coming in place to help the providers increase our vaccination rates and to better administer vaccines to those folks in Kansas across the state, so.

You know, we're looking forward to it. We average about 300 folks every year at our conference. So, we're hoping that – we know it's in flu season from what people tell us that no matter when we hold it in the fall, we usually get the same amount.

Speaking of flu, couple other things – and another thing we're kind of doing, we just found this out today in connection with National Immunization Awareness Month is everybody starts talking about this time of the year, or even a little early for a flu vaccine and kind of in – as a partnership or along with that in order to get people thinking about immunizations.

Today, we will make available, believe or not, our first 2,500 doses of flu vaccine in July of all things. We have just as a small percentage of our vaccine that is starting to come in. And so, we will have that available for order for our vaccines for children providers. There'll be more coming out on that today, the different lot numbers or the different presentations and right now to our single-dose syringes. And that information will go out today in our What's Happening Wednesday, and you'll see some information on our website.

If you're a VFC provider, you'd be able to order just small amounts. We're trying to be fair to everyone. But you will be able to order small amount of VFC or (chip) flu vaccine for those of you that may want it already this early in the season.

On the flipside of that is we want to share with you some news we received. And this only had to deal with the FluMist or the live flu vaccine. It does not have to do with all of the different presentations, just the FluMist. If there's going to be a delay in our expectation of receiving those doses this year. As of now, for the month of August, we are anticipating that we will get zero percentage of our FluMist vaccine. And so that's going to put us on a little bit of a delay.

In September, we're only expecting to get 31 percent of our FluMist vaccine; October, 21 percent; November, 10 percent; and of all months, December, and we're expected to get 36 percent from our vaccine. And we hope that it doesn't hold true. But if it does, you can kind of anticipate it the way in getting the FluMist vaccine out to the providers this year and distribute it across the state. And then in January, they're still saying that we could be expecting still 2 percent of all of our dosing with our FluMist vaccine. So we wanted to let you be aware of that also.

So, I think that was about it. Pinkbook, yes. If you have any questions, let us know. I kind of covered the mixture of immunization awareness month and flu vaccines. But if you have any questions, just e-mail us or give us a call or get a hold us there, and she knows how to reach us and we'll be glad to help you out. So, that's it.

Sara Belfry: Thank you, Mike. Now we'll go to Ginger Park with our Bureau of Health promotion.

Ginger Park: I just have a quick reminder to save the date for the 2015 evidence-based public health course. That'll be November 17th and 18th in Topeka. The topic, techniques and tools provided will enhance understanding of the principles of health assessment, improvement planning, and evaluation, and

we'll open registration in August. So be on the look out the next month for information on how to register. Thank you.

Sara Belfry: Thank you, Ginger. So just really quickly for the Office of Communications updates, Mike let us know a bunch of information about Immunization Awareness Month, which is August, which starts on Saturday. We will be sharing a lot of information on our Facebook and Twitter feeds. So if you guys aren't following us on social media already, please go ahead and do that. Feel free to share or repost or retweet anything that we're sharing during the month. We'll be doing some Kansas-specific posting.

And then our national association for public health communicators also has a great toolkit, which you can access at [nphic.org/niam](http://nphic.org/niam). And again, that's a good toolkit for National Immunization Awareness Month. They have banners. They have some posts already created for you, and they work in coordination with CDC. They have some really great up-to-date information. Again, that website is [nphic.org/niam](http://nphic.org/niam).

And August is also a Breastfeeding Awareness Month. So we will be doing some communications with the Department for Children and Family, just promoting breastfeeding and the great benefits that it has for children across Kansas. And that's kind of it for the Office of Communication.

Does anyone have anything else in the room? I don't think so. I think we can go to question and answers now.

Operator: And at this time, if you would like to ask a question, simply press star then the number one on your telephone keypad. Again, that is star one from your telephone keypad to ask a question.

We'll pause for just a moment to compile the Q&A roster. And, again, that is star one to ask a question.

Your first question comes from the line of (Ruth Walker).

Ruth Walker: Hi. Do you have a date for the vaccination conference in October, Mike?



Mike Parsons: Yes. I'm sorry. It's October 6th, 7th, and 8th. You should have received the Save the Date card either a week or two ago. If you haven't, Ruth, I know you guys are on the list, but let me know and we'll get you one of those. The brochure, we hope to be finalizing here within the week, and we'll be getting that out to you. I don't know if you need a quick run down on cost. The fee to attend the conference is – we're staying at \$75. I think our CEUs will be around 13 again this year, 13.5. And then our hotel rate, we negotiated at \$106 per night at the DoubleTree. And there is limited number of rooms available. And that will also be going out on how to register for the rooms today in What's Happening Wednesday.

Ruth Walker: No, that's fine. I'll get the information from What's Happening Wednesday. Thank you, Mike.

Mike Parsons: OK.

Operator: And, again, that is star one if you would like to ask a question.

And we have no further questions at this time.

Sara Belfry: OK. Thank you. Just a reminder, our next Population Statewide call is August 25th at 10:00 a.m., and you will be able to go see the transcripts from previous calls on our website, [kdheks.org](http://kdheks.org).

Thank you so much. And I think that's the end of the conference.

Operator: And this does conclude today's conference call. Thank you for your participation. You may now disconnect.

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